

IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An analyzing tool comprising:

a substrate;

a cover joined to the substrate;

a liquid inlet formed in the cover and provided at a central portion;

a plurality of individual channels which communicate formed in the substrate and communicating with the liquid inlet for moving a sample liquid introduced through the liquid inlet by capillary action from the central portion toward a peripheral portion of the tool;

a common channel formed in the substrate, provided at the peripheral portion of the tool and communicating with the plurality of individual channels;

a plurality of first gas exhaust holes formed in the cover; each having an opening closed by a first seal; and

a plurality of first seals provided on the cover for closing the first gas exhaust holes, respectively, the first seals being breakable;

a second gas exhaust hole formed in the cover having an opening closed by a second seal; and

a second seal provided on the cover for closing the second gas exhaust hole, the second seal being breakable;

wherein each individual channel includes a reaction site and a branch offset from the reaction site toward the liquid inlet, the branch communicating with a corresponding one of the plurality of first gas exhaust holes, and wherein the common channel communicates with the second gas exhaust hole.

2. (Previously Presented) An analyzing tool according to Claim 1, wherein each of the individual channels extends linearly from the central portion toward the peripheral portion.
3. (Previously Presented) An analyzing tool according to Claim 1, wherein the plurality of individual channels are arranged radially.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) An analyzing tool according to Claim 1, ~~comprising a plurality of measurement sites, each of the individual channels being provided with at least one of the measurement sites,~~
wherein the plurality of measurement reaction sites of the individual channels are arranged on a common circle.
6. (Original) An analyzing tool according to Claim 5, which has a disk configuration.
7. (Currently Amended) An analyzing tool according to Claim 1, further comprising reagent parts for reacting with a sample liquid, the reagent parts being provided at ~~selected ones of the reaction sites~~ of the individual channels and containing reagents different from each other.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) An analyzing tool according to Claim ~~[[8]]~~ 1, wherein each of the ~~grooves~~ individual channels has a main cross section which ~~is rectangular with~~ has a width of 10-500 μm and a depth of 5-500 μm , the depth/width ratio being ≥ 0.5 .
10. (Withdrawn-Previously Presented) An analyzing apparatus for performing analysis of a sample liquid using an analyzing tool in accordance with claim 1,
the analyzing apparatus comprising:

rotating means for rotating the analyzing tool;

a first opening-forming element for simultaneously breaking the first seals at the first gas exhaust holes; and

a second opening-forming element for breaking the second seal at the second gas exhaust hole.

11. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) An analyzing apparatus according to Claim 10, further comprising a fixed light source and a light detector, the light source emitting light for irradiating a ~~plurality of measurement sites~~ each reaction site in the analyzing tool, the light detector detecting light response from ~~the measurement sites~~ said each reaction site.

12. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) An analyzing apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the ~~plurality of measurement reaction sites~~ of the individual channels are positioned at equal intervals from each other, the rotating means causing the analyzing tool to rotate intermittently at angles corresponding to the equal intervals.